REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10-23 remain in this application. The examiner has acknowledged that claims 10-15, and 18-22 are directed to allowable subject matter. Please cancel claim 16. Claim 17, which was objected to, has been rewritten to incorporate all the limitations of claim 16. Claims 17 and 23 have been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fee, or credit any excess fee paid, to Deposit Account 50-2183 (55.0206).

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